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SUBJECT: HOMEPORTING DESTROYER TENDER IN NAPLES

REFS: A) ROME 2144, B) STATE 26968, C) USNATO 705

1. IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERATIONS RAISED BY EMBASSY ROME
(REF A), NAVY AND DOD ARE PRESENTLY STUDYING THE QUESTION
OF HOMEPORTING IN NAPLES. A MAJOR CONCERN IS TO IMPLEMENT
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THE PROCEDURE OF THE SEMIANNUAL RELIEF OF THE SIXTH FLEET

DESTROYER TENDER (WITH FAMILIES REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES) WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE HOMEPORTING IN LA MADDALENA OR THE CONTINUED USE OF NAPLES AS A BASE FOR THE DESTROYER TENDER AND FOR VISITS BY NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS.

2. AS SOON AS THE STUDY IS COMPLETED, WE WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROCEDURE AND TIMING OF THE APPROACH TO THE GOI ON THIS MATTER.
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